

AP Level Vocabulary

Some General Verbs (Quiz on Day 8 along with the Map that is done in class)

Term	Definition
Adopt	To begin to practice or use
Allude	To imply, suggest, or hint at
Bolster	Support or strengthen
Catalyze	Cause or accelerate; act as a catalyst
Cede	Give up or surrender
Condemn	To declare to be reprehensible, wrong, or evil
Deplete	To use up the supply of something
Diminish	To make less
Disparage	To belittle
Encroach	Intrude, advance, or gradually take power
Eradicate	To get rid of or eliminate
Exploit	To take advantage of others for self-benefit
Exacerbate	To make worse or more severe
Foster	To promote growth or development
Mitigate	To reduce or alleviate
Omit	To leave out
Parallel	A person or thing very similar to another
Promulgate	To declare or announce publicly

Some General Nouns and Adjectives: (Quiz on Day 8)

Term	Definition
Adaptation	Something made usable for a certain purpose
Aspiration	Goal

Contention	A point made in an argument
Dependant	Relying on another for support
Devolution	Transfer of rights or powers, especially from central to local government
Dissolution / Disintegration	Something that has ended or broken apart
Disillusionment	Being disappointed after expectations fail
Divine	Of or relating to God
Divisive	Causing disagreement
Entity	A thing
Hierarchy	Ranked order of people or groups
Ideology	A system of ideas shaping political or economic policy
Implicit	Understood but not stated
Institutions	Organizations promoting a cause
Integration	Incorporation as equals into society
Intelligible	Able to be understood
Maritime	Related to the sea
Motive	Reason for doing something
Negligible	Too small to matter
Peril	Danger
Phenomena	Observable events
Plurality	Large number or majority
Primacy	Being first
Proliferation	Increase in number
Relative	Considered in comparison
Sectarian	Strong supporter of a group
Strife	Violent conflict

Unprecedented	Never happened before
Yield	Amount produced
Zeal	Enthusiasm

Terms related to time and time period (nice to know, not quizzed on Day 8 but on tests/essays)

Term	Definition
B.C.E. / C.E.	Secular time-marking system
Classical	Era of Ancient Greece and Rome
Continuity	Staying the same over time
Contemporaries	Living at the same time
Context	Background circumstances
Historical development	Events or processes over time
Predecessor	Came before
Golden Age	Time of prosperity
Postcolonial	After colonial rule
Postindustrial	Economy based on services
Subsequent	Coming after
Successor	Came later

Terms related to government and power (nice to know, not quizzed on Day 8 but on tests/essays)

Term	Definition
Armament	Military weapons
Artillery	Large guns
Autonomy	Self-governing
Authoritarian	Strict obedience to authority

Bureaucracy	Government run by officials
Cavalry	Soldiers on horseback
Centralized	Power held in one place
Commission	To authorize
Consolidate	Join together
Conscription	Draft
Decentralized	Power spread to regions
Despot	Absolute ruler
Developing nation	Lower living standards
Diplomacy	Negotiation between states
Federalism	Shared national/state power
Foothold	Secure starting position
Fragmentation	Breaking apart
Geopolitics	Power tied to geography
Hegemony	Dominance over others
Imperial rule	Rule by empire
Legislation	Law or proposed law
Liberal democracy	Representative government
Mediate	Help resolve disputes
Mobilize	Organize
Non-state entity	Organization not government-run
Parliament	Lawmaking body
Punitive	Punishing
Regime	Government system
Republic	Government by voters

Sovereignty	Self-rule
Subjugate	Bring under control
Subvert	Undermine authority
Tyranny	Oppressive rule
Tributary	Pays tribute

Terms related to economic activities (nice to know, not quizzed on Day 8 but on tests/essays)

Term	Definition
Capital	Wealth with monetary value
Commercial practices	Tools and practices facilitating trade
Cottage industry	Small-scale home manufacturing
Deregulation	Removal of government restrictions
Economic elites	Wealth-controlling individuals or groups
Embargo	Ban on trade
Finance	Money or economic resources
Manufactures	Finished goods
Mercantile	Related to trade
Monetary	Related to money
Monopoly	Exclusive control of a good
Piracy	Robbing ships at sea
Privatization	Transfer to private ownership
Rates of return	Annual investment income
Regulation	Government restrictions
Revenue	Money coming in

Shareholder	Owner of company stock
Socioeconomic	Interaction of social and economic factors
Stagnation	Lack of growth
Subsidy	Government financial assistance
Subsistence agriculture	Farming mainly for personal consumption
Textiles	Cloth or fabric
Trade barrier	Policy restricting trade
Trade union	Labor union

Terms related to Culture/society (nice to know, not quizzed on Day 8 but on tests/essays)

Term	Definition
Aboriginal	Indigenous peoples of Australia
Aristocracy	Noble upper class
Assimilation	Adoption of dominant culture
Bourgeois	Middle class; property-owning class
Conservatism	Support for traditional values
Contraception	Birth control
Cosmopolitan	Global or diverse outlook
Demographic	Population characteristics
Diffusion	Spread of ideas or practices
Emigrate	Leave a country
Ethnicity	Shared cultural background
Fertility rate	Birth rate
Heterodox	Unconventional
Indigenous	Native to a place

Linguistic	Relating to language
Literary	Related to literature
Matriarchal	Female-dominated
Mortality rate	Death rate
Patriarchal	Male-dominated
Principle	Guiding belief
Reactionary	Opposed to change
Sino	Chinese
Socio-economic	Interaction of social and economic factors
Sedentary	Settled lifestyle
Separatism	Advocacy of separation
Stratification	Social hierarchy
Supranational	Above national authority

Terms associated with religion: (nice to know, not quizzed on Day 8 but on tests/essays)

Term	Definition
Atheism	Belief there is no God
Caliph	Leader of the Muslim community
Caliphate	State ruled by a caliph
Ethnic religion	Religion tied to one ethnic group
Friar	Mendicant Catholic monk
Fundamentalism	Strict adherence to beliefs
Heresy	Belief contradictory to accepted doctrine
Idol	Worshiped image
Missionary	Person spreading religion

Monasticism	Isolated religious lifestyle
Mysticism	Direct experience of God
Orthodox	Traditionally accepted beliefs
Papacy	Authority of the Pope
Pilgrimage	Journey to a holy place
Piety	Religious devotion
Salvation	Freedom from sin
Sect	Religious denomination
Secular	Non-religious
Sultan	Muslim ruler
Universalizing religion	Religion seeking converts

Terms related to environment, geography and disease (nice to know, not quizzed on Day 8 but on tests/essays)

Term	Definition
Contagion	Disease spread by contact
Urban	Related to cities
Peripheral	On the edge
Pestilence	Deadly widespread disease
Rural	Countryside
Staple crop	Primary dietary food